responsibility of the State Government to deal with 'law and order' related problems and issues. Registration, investigation and prosecution of crime are undertaken by the State Government.

The Central Government also maintains a close watch on the situation and supplements the efforts and resources of the State Governments by various means.

The Central Paramilitary forces provided to the State Governments work under the command and control of the concerned State Governemnt and are intended to augment the strength and capabilities of the existing State Police.

A team of the National Commission for Minorities visited Orissa from 6 to 8 January 2008. The team stayed in Bhubaneshwar and visited Phulbani in Kandhamal district. The Commission has sent its report to the State Government of Orissa and to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action. The Commission, in its report, has mentioned that several factors converged to create tension and violence between 24th December 2007 and 27th December 2007, including, *inter alia*, the simmoring Kondh-Pana conflict and the anti-conversion campaigns by some organisations.

Trans-border smuggling in Rajasthan

3916. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that trans-border smuggling in Rajasthan has increased in the past few months and the various intelligence/security agencies have failed to check such rising trend;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the local police stations in the border areas of Rajasthan are giving protection to such smugglers; and

(d) if so, the strategies to be adopted by Government to put a firm check on the trans-border smuggling in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) As per the information available, trans-border smuggling has not increased in the past few months in Rajasthan and no rising trend in such smuggling has been observed.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

The following measures have, *Inter-alia*, been taken to prevent trans-border smuggling, and to keep a strict vigil at the international border in Rajasthan:—

(i) Effective domination of the border through round the clock surveiliance.

(ii) Erection of fencing and floodlighting along the International Border.

(iii) Construction of border roads to facilitate border patrolling.

(iv) Introduction of modern and high tech survelliance equipments.

(v) Upgradation of intelligence network and coordination with all concerned agencies.